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**WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/July 24-August 3, 2003**

**US 2/Fairchild Main Gate Turn Lane (MP 275)**-Minor items remain. No delays.

**SR 20/Okanogan County Line to Graves Mountain Road (MP 297-326)**-Fog seal work underway on Monday and Tuesday (July 28-29). Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and pilot cars with fresh oil on the roadway.

**SR 20/Ruby Mountain to Newport (MP 404-436)**-Shoulder work, guardrail, and some utility items are underway. Possible lane restrictions.

**SR 21/Lind to I-90 (MP 25-37)-** Chip seal work is planned for mid August.

**SR 25/Kettle Falls to Bossburg (MP 81-102)**-Minor items remain. No delays.

**SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)**-Most work has been suspended until mid-September. All lanes open and the temporary signal has been turned off. Because some work remains the speed reduction will stay in place. **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 35 mph on SR 26 in the vicinity of this project.

**HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Salnavé Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)**-Work is underway in the eastbound or westbound lanes with paving, shoulder, and median items on the schedule.

- Some weekend work is possible on July 26-27. Possible lane restrictions.
- Paving is expected to begin the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>. Motorists should expect lane closures when paving is underway. Also there may be ramp detour routing when paving work is in the adjacent freeway lane.
- In general, Motorists should expect lane restrictions with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and possible slower traffic in the vicinity of active work with equipment and personnel adjacent to and on the roadway. Drivers also need to be alert for grooved pavement, bumps, and abrupt lane edges.
- Also, some intermittent rock blasting work may also be underway. Blasting requires that I-90 be closed in both directions for up to 10 minutes.

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**I-90/Bridge support work (MP 279.5)**-On Thursday, July 31, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, WSDOT Bridge crews will be working on the Lindeke Street freeway overcrossing at the base of the Sunset Hill. Motorists should expect crews on the right shoulder.

**I-90/Sunset Hill to Argonne (MP 278-287)**- Work is underway on this project to upgrade the existing electronic system the DOT uses to monitor and coordinate traffic flows throughout the I-90 corridor. Most work will not affect freeway traffic. On the schedule is work on the westbound shoulder between Argonne and Havana. No delays expected.

**I-90 Westbound/Sign Bridge Repairs (MP 282.3)**-On Saturday, August 2, from about 4:00 a.m. to around 1:00 p.m., Maintenance crews will be performing sign repair work on westbound I-90 between the Hamilton/Second Ave. off ramp and the Hamilton westbound on-ramp. The outside freeway will be closed with westbound I-90 reduced to two through lanes. Westbound motorists should be alert for slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays. All on and off ramps will be open.

**VERY HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Sullivan Road to Idaho Border (MP 292-299)**-Several components of work underway.

- Night and weekend paving-Thursday night, Friday night through Saturday (July 24, 25, 26), paving operations will be underway with lane closures. In addition, some ramps will be closed for short periods as paving work is underway on the adjacent freeway lanes. Major paving work should be completed on Saturday.
- Continued work-Throughout the week, from 7pm to 6am, motorists should expect lane closures as crews complete lane marking work and shoulder items.
- **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** When lane reductions are in place, the legal speed will be dropped to 55 m.p.h. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit changes. Speed limit signs will be in place to note the exact location of the speed limits during working hours.

**US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)**- The pavement surfacing work is in the southbound lanes only. Recessed pavement markings and shoulder work is on the schedule. The southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane at various work sites. Motorists may experience some slow traffic near these work sites.

**SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/4 Replacement (MP 0.4-0.6)**- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and just west of Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

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**SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/5 Repair (MP 0.82-0.91)**-Work is now underway on the repair of this bridge just east of Hamilton Street. This is underwater repair being done from the waterway, (Spokane River). No lane restrictions on Trent are anticipated however some sidewalk closures on the north side of the bridge may be needed at times.

**NEW!! SR 291/Unstable Slope Repair (MP 11.5)**-The contractor plans to begin work Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> near the Stevens County line. The project involves rock scaling and bolting operations to repair the unstable slope. During construction hours motorists should expect single lane traffic controlled by flaggers with delays.

**US 395/Immel Rd. to Arden (MP 212-223)**-Work is now underway on this resurfacing project in Stevens County south of Colville. Items on the schedule include crack sealing and shoulder items. Possible delays of up to 10 minutes with flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic.

**US 395 /Colville-Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 229)**-Work continues on this intersection project at the south end of Colville. This is a City of Colville project with WSDOT participation. For detailed information call (509) 684-2244.

**US 395/Colville (MP 230)**-Contractor crews working with the City of Colville will be constructing lighting for the Wal-Mart near 8<sup>th</sup> Street in north Colville. Possible lane restrictions.

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